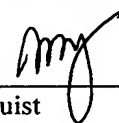


## REMARKS

The specification has been amended herein to claim the benefit of priority of International Patent Application No. PCT/US2004/021049 filed 29 June 2004 in the name of Philip N. Bryan for "ENGINEERED PROTEASES FOR AFFINITY PURIFICATION AND PROCESSING OF FUSION PROTEINS," which claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC §119(e) of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/439,032 filed 6 August 2003. In addition, new claims 12 and 46-61 have been added, to place the application in suitable form for examination. No new matter (35 USC 132) has been added.

It is requested that examination and prosecution of this application proceed on the basis of the now-pending claims 1-61 of the application, as filed herein.

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